THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) As per available information from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 2768 families belonging to different areas now included in West Pakistan and who migrated at the time of partition and settled in different parts of the State of Jammu & Kashmir have not been granted permanent resident certificates and the consequential benefits available to the permanent residents. They, however, have the right to vote for Parliamentary elections.

(b) The children of these persons are also non-permanent residents of the State.

(c) and (d) The Government have seen the news-item. This relates to State legislation.

Gangsters operating as tea-vendors

@1150-A. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that some gangsters operating as tea-vendors at Kalyan (Bombay) supplying tea containing sleeping contents to passengers travelling particularly in unreserved compartments are looting valuables from them;

(b) if so, what action has been initiated to safe-guard the travelling public;

(c) if not, whether necessary enquiries would be made to find out the exact position;

(d) whether it is also a fact that memorandum to the above effect has been received by railway officials; and

(e) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) Cases of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the State Government agencies including Government Railway Police, which functions under the control of State Governments.

The Ministry of Railways have informed that on 11.4.1989 Shri Chaturam Tulsi Vishkarma of Thane complained through Uttar Bhartiya Janta Parishad, Thane to the Divisional Railway Manager, Bombay Division, Central Railway, that while he was travelling by Train No. 193 Dn. Mahanagri Express on 23.3.89 from Bombay V.T. to Allahabad, he took tea at Kalyan Railway Station from a vendor and thereafter he was woken up at Allahabad by some of his acquintances. At Allahabad he noticed that his cash had been stolen. The complaint of Shri Chaturam has been sent to DIGP/ Railways Maharashtra, Bombay for necessary action.

Establishing a free port in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

@@1150-B. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a free port in the Andaman & Nicobar Island;

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be approved;

(c) whether the proposal has been with the Government since long; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for delay in taking action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) Government have since decided that in view of the environmental aspects it may not be possible to establish a free port in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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